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DRASTIC REFORMS IN CUS-

## TOMS SERVICE. The latest developments in the sugar

frauds and in various phases of customs matters make it clear there is room for drastic reforms in the customs service. It is a comfort to know that such reforms are promised. Indications are that the whole energy of the Admin istration, beginning with President Taft, is to be enlisted in effecting them. A house cleaning, it is conceded, is needed in some branches of the customs service, and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh is service, and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh is apparently bent on a thorough job of renovation. He is convinced that the New York custom house is "a nest of corruption." He has set about to protect the public and the honest importers and importants. Should we become involved in agreat war this would prove highly impositions of dishonest importers and their agents and abettors in the Government service.

Not only is New York to get a house-cleaning, but Secretary MacVeagh is going to give sharp scrutiny to all the rest of the ports. This is timely. It is especially so for the reason that there is much heard to the effect that interests which have been defrauding the Government by getting in under the customs wall at New York are now planning to transfer their operations to other ports, such as Boston, Philipdiel to the rest of the customs wall at New York are now planning to transfer their operations to other ports, such as Boston, Philipdiel to other ports, such as Boston, Philipdiel to other ports, such as Boston, Philipdiel to the rest of the forts, such as Boston, Philipdiel to other ports, such as Boston, Philipdiel to the protection of the Philippines with the such the protection of the Points, and the defense of the ports, and the protection of the Points and the protection of the Philippines which are provided to for drastic reforms in the customs serv-

planning to transfer their operations to other ports, such as Boston, Philadel- that steps are being taken to make phia, and Baltimore. It is even said it improbable it will ever be seriously that efforts will be made to make New York suffer by the diversion of trade from New York to other ports.

With the Treasury officials, the Department of Justice, and the President aroused to action, however, it is not going to be easy to evade payment of just duties in any of the large ports. The smuggling and underweighing business is not healthy or profitable just at present. The indictment of Superintendent James F. Bendernagel of the largest plant of the Sugar trust, an individual "higher up," and close to the late H. O. Havemeyer, emphasizes this. This indictment is an answer to credulous people who have been insisting the sugar frauds were schemes hatched by unmoral subordinates. It is a curious reply to the alleged comment made by Lyman J. Gage, sometime Secretary of the Treasury, who is reputed to have been sure his dear friend was secretary to a strenuous President, and was commonly referred to as the "assistant Secretary of the Treasury Charles D. Hilles is one of the hardest worked men about the Treasury Department these days. A vacancy exists in the office of one assistant Secretary Norton is away. New York customs house when he discovers the power arrayed against him. It turns out that for lo, these sundry years, customs officials have known a great deal about the sugar irauds, and have been plugging one leak after another, only to discover invariably Another Beehive Superintendent James F. Bendernagel ernment to suffer.

which are being exposed naturally talent for larceny, and it was never at tions of the Department of Agriculture, make it look to a man up a tree as if a loss for new expedients. Various of which Joseph A. Arnold is in charge. make it look to a man up a tree as if a loss for new expedients. Various From this division, over 17,000,000 publications have been askeep at the to have tried to reform things by the all parts of the United States and to switch for some years past. Collector
Loeb deserves commendation for the

ancient, gum-shoe processes. They
were careful to keep very quiet about
various sorts to large books. More docefforts he has made to get to the bot. it; no press agents for them. Likewise, uments go out from here than from the tom of the frauds, and Secretary Mac- it must be confessed, mighty little prac- publication divisions of all the other le-Veagh is to be commended for backing tical reform.

The customs service must be put on an of the organs of public information and opinion; and he found ways to enlist Department will do well to remember them in his New York housecleaning

to have a searching and impartial one, devoid of political motives.

# CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

purchaser will, in all likelihood, make have succeeded peculiarly in establisha better selection if buying is gone ing themselves in the public's view as about leisurely. In the next place, the real, effective, efficient administrators purse is apt to stand the strain better with the right sort of progressive ideas. if the shopping is distributed over a For a new Administration to find exthe inevitable crush which comes at this time, would be about as sane a the Christmas holidays, and which procedure as for it to discharge the makes the season so painful a one for army and put the navy out of com-

No one anticipates that "buying foreign war. early" will do away altogether with The colleges which confer the degree the excitement of Christmas shopping, of doctor of laws should not forget the and no one would like to see that done; but in recent years it has been est law doctor in the Senate. strongly borne in upon humane persons that thoughtlessness and lack of consideration on the part of the public many have not enough bread. were imposing hardships upon storekeepers and their employes which they ought not to be compelled to endure.

It is possible in the few weeks which airship which wouldn't fig. now intervene between this time and

The Washington Times do so to relieve the pressure greatly. Testimony to the effect that the early shopping movement has borne good THE MUNSEY BUILDING, fruit has been convincing, and there should be no discontinuation of it.

### OUR STRONG DEFENSES IN THE PACIFIC.

Navy Meyer that Pearl Harbor will be Gaynor will be closely watched as a Presidential possibility. the great American naval base in the the great American naval base in the Pacific ocean has called attention to the fact that this country is slowly but surely strengthening its grip on that part of the Pacific region to which it part of the Pacific region to which it of the Pacific region to which it part of the Pacific region to which it of the part of the Pacine region to which to lays claim. That grip is not yet so strong that it could not be shaken loose by a sudden attack in force. At the same time it is becoming strong enough to induce a certain measure of enough to induce a certain measure of loose by a sudden attack in force. At the same time it is becoming strong enough to induce a certain measure of loose look and the look of the confidence in our ability to hold our own in that part of the world which was wanting a few years ago. When the Panama canal is completed, with the went through the hard speech-making campaign in New York without the panama canal is completed. at strategic points in the Pacific field, there will be no reason for apprehension that promises strenuous achievements,

from any quarter.

Pearl Harbor offers a magnificent place of refuge for the American fleet, and has the advantage of a location within easy steaming distance of the western coast. The fortifications there with the defenses at Diamond Head but notice. with the defenses at Diamond Head but a few miles away will give us a strong Secretary MacVeagh hold on Hawaii. It is proposed to Has Troubles Galore.

maintain it it is reassuring to know Taft Can Keep disputed.

was secretary to a strenuous President, Is the Willing Worker.

puted to have been sure his dear friend another, only to discover invariably Another Beehive Havemeyer would not permit the Gov. that when one was soldered a new one Department Office. was sure to break out. The Sugar trust One of the busiest institutions in The extent and nature of the frauds was possessed of infinite variety in its Washington is the division of publica-

him up.

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Mr. Loeb learned the press agent fifty people are employed merely in the business in the best school this world ing of an army of editors, copy-readers, has thus far seen. He knows the uses that eternal vigilance is needed. Secre- campaign. Perhaps it may shock some tary MacVeagh appears to appreciate old-fashioned people, but it must be conceded that the program of getting When Congress meets there will right out where the people can see the doubtless be an effort to get an investigation by Congress. Such an investi- ing well in this case. Mr. Loeb is about thing toward the work. The Federal gation should be had, if it is proposed as much for the gum-shoes as is Government, it is contended, should re-Theodore Roosevelt. Neither of them knows how to talk in an undertone.

TIME TO CONSIDER EARLY tration which those pay who suggest meeting of the association last night, constantly that political considerations | Louis P. Shoemaker was indorsed as the may cause Loeb-to be "pulled off." To which Barry Bulkley gave an illus There are a number of good reasons "pull off Loeb" would be about as good trated lecture on good roads. why buying Christmas presents early politics just now as to "fire Pinchot." is a good plan. For one thing, the Loeb and Pinchot are the two men who long period of time. Last and most cuse for dispensing with the sort of important, there is avoided some of services these men are giving, just at those who have to wait on the crowds. mission at the beginning of a first-class

Funny how much money there is to bet on horse races and prizefights when children have no playgrounds, and

The candidacy of Butler Ames for Senator Lodge's seat brings up

In running for re-election to the Sen when the season of active buying by ate, Mr. Dick seems to think the best most persons begins for those who can way to die is by facing fearful odds.

## Capital Tales

ASHINGTON has definitely made up its mind that Judge William, J. Gaynor, major-

stung by the Presidential bee.

Men die from the effects of this sting, Announcement by Secretary of the but they do not recover. Hence, Judge The friends of the judge here admit

Cool In Summer. The next time Congres sits in Washngton all summer President Taft will e ready for the ordeal. It transpires MR. LOEB AND THE ADMINIS- that when the White House offices were Our compliments to the Honorable William Loeb, who has jumped right into the thick of the finest fight that even his own animated career has ever developed. People who knew Mr. Loeb day by day during the vears when he did not a substant and by the use of it the temperature in the Presidential offices can be materially lowered.

# **CONGRESS TO PAY**

Members of the Brightwood Citizens fion of the Anacostia flats, are opposed claim the flats out of the rivers and harbors appropriation.

Following a discussion about the re-It is dubious tribute to the Adminis- lamation of the flats at the monthly

### What's on the Program Tonight in Washington

National-Francis Wilson in "The Bachelor's Baby," at 8:15 p. m. Belasco—"Billy," at 8:20 p. m. Columbia—Rose Stahl in

Chorus Lady," at 8:15 p. m. Chase's-Annette Kellermann and Academy-"Young Buffalo in New York," at 8:15 p. m.

Lyceim-"Star Show Girls" and Johnson-Ketchel fight at 8:15 p. m. Gayety—Al Reeves' "Beau

Majestic Theater-Moving pictures and vaudeville, 8 to 11. Washington Flower Show at Old Masonic Temple, 2 to 11 p. m. Pure Food Show at Convention Hall, 1 to 10 p. m.

Laymen's Missionary Convention-Denominational rallies tonight. See ist in account of convention. Gridiron Club Smoker-At the New

Blological Society meets at George Washington University at 8 o'clock.

# Miss Frances M. Miller Will Make Formal Bow To Society As a Debutante on December 9

elect of New York, has been Mr. and Mrs. Miller to Give Large Tea for Their Daughter.

IN NAVY CIRCLES

Her Honor.

Miss Frances M. Miller, daughter of dr. and Mrs. Ben DeMier Miller, will the gradual upbuilding of fortifications at strategic points in the Pacific field, the small be a feedings. It is said to be his plan to run for the Presidency on a platform a large tea at the home of her parents on P street Thursday afternoon, De-cember 9. Later Mr. and Mrs. Miller will give a dance at the Chevy Chass Club in honor of their daughter. Miss Miller, who is a graduate of Ganston Hall, is an exceeding'y popular young woman, particularly n naval circles. She is a granddaughter of the

late Capt. W. A. T. Maddox, U. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bunyan Evans were hosts at a card party Thursday

Constance Hoyt, Miss Endora Clover Miss Southerland, Miss Mary Souther land, the counselor of the British embassy, Mitchell Innes; the third secre tary of the German embassy, Mr. von Stumm; Mr. von Prittwitz, and A. C. Horstmann, attaches of the German embassy; Captain Little, U. S. M. C., Basil Miles, and Mr. Weldon.

Miss Carpenter Entertains Debutantes.

Miss Evelyn Carpenter, daughter o' Pay Inspector and Mrs. J. S. Carpenter, U. S. N., entertained a small company of the season's debutantes at luncheon yesterday. Miss Carpenter is one of the most attractive girls of the service

The first rehearsal of Mrs. Barney's Steiner, of 224 Twenty-seventh street, new play, "The Man in the Moon," was held yesterday morning at Studio House, ler Sheridan circle residence. The cast the winter season. ncludes a number of prominent society



### Wedding Announced Society Contingent . Of Miss Lotta Wilson Attend Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Wilson, of

Mr. Marshell was formerly chief of the entire lower floor of the quaint field division at San Francisco, Cal. and at present is assistant chief gracial and at present is assistant chief special and at present is assistant chief special service division of the General Land debutante. In the dining-room the

Mrs. W. W. White and Miss Louise White, wife and daughter of Commander White, U. S. N., will be at home

For Mrs. Barney's Play.

Guett of Mrs. Calisher.

Mrs. Louis Bush and Mrs. Jacob
The first rehearsal of Mrs. Barney's Steiner, of 2824 Twenty-seventh street, and tiny pink rosebuds.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bensinger Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bensinger were tendered a mask surprise party last tendered a mask surprise party last tendered a mask surprise party last evening in honor of their wedding anniversary, at their home in the Dupont apartment by the members of the Whist Club, of which Mrs. Bensinger is a member. Mrs. Louis Newmyer won the member. Mrs. Louis Newmyer won the

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Wilson, of the Iroquois, have issued cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Lotta, to Furgess W. Marshall, of North Caroline. The ceremony took place in Philadelphia, Thursday, Noplace in Philadelphia, Thursday, No-vember 4, 1909.

Mr. Marshall was formerly chief of

Theological Seminary and Mrs. Angus
Crawford, presenting their daughter,
Miss Beatrice Virginia Crawford.

The entire lower floor of the quaint

Mrs. Crawford received the guests wearing a handsome tollette of mauve chiffon cloth and rose point lace, with a corsage of mauve orchids. The from 6th to 131st Company. Mrs. Crawford received the guests

Representative William C. Lovering of Massachusetts has taken the house, 1752 folk, and almost the entire group of the Miss Cricket Furst, of Brooklyn, N. and, with his daughter, Miss Alice Lovseason's debutantes, and the play is quite the most artistic of Mrs. B. rney's Calisher, of the Van Courtland.

Major and Mrs. Ireland were dinner hosts last evening in honor of the newly appointed Surgeon General of the Army and Mrs. George H. Tenny, who recently arrived from San Francisco.

A meeting at which women of Washington will have an opportunity to hear FRANK D. APPLIN, to 18th Company.

Miss Wilma Edith Perham Becomes Bride of Lieutenant Ricker Tonight.

LARGE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW WEDDING

Ceremony Will Be Performed in Home of Bride's

The marriage of Miss Wilma Edith Perham to Lieut Lawrence Campbell Ricker, 10th Infantry, U. S. A., will take place this evening at 8 o'clock in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lincoln Perham, 965 Westminster street

Westminster street, A small gathering of relatives and intimate friends will attend the ceremony, which will be performed by the Rez. John Van Schaick, of the Church Rev. John Van Schaick, of the Church of Our Father. Following the ceremony there will be a large reception for about 250 guests.

Miss Helen Burnham Rowe, of New York; Miss Helen Dodge, of Dodge Park, Md.; Miss Marie Ashford and Miss Marjorie Young, both of Washington, will attend Miss Perham as bridesmaids.

Lieut. E. J. Atkisson, of the Engineer Corps, stationed at the Washington barracks, will act as best man for Lieutenant Ricker.

Last evening Miss Marie Ashford entertained the bridal party and a few additional guests at a rehearsal supper and informal dance.

## Army and Navy Service Orders

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Captain E. HOLLAND RUBOTTOM, 9th Cavairy, to join his regiment.

Captain FRANK C. JEWELL, quartermaster, to the 9th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, to take effect upon his relief from detail in the Quartermaster's Department.

The following officers of the Coast Artillery Corps, now unassigned, are assigned to companies as indicated after their respective names and will proceed to join those companies upon their relief from recruiting service or upon expiration of any leaves of absence which may have been granted them:

Captain ELIJAH B. MARTINDALE.

Captain ELIJAH B. MARTINDALE, JR., to 42d Company. Captain CHARLES D. WINN, to 127th Company. First Lieutenant RICHARD P. WINS-LOW to 27th Company. First Lieutenant FRANK GEERE to 14th Company.

The following changes of officers of the Coast Artillery Corps are ordered Captain HARRY L STEELE, from Inth to loist Company.
Captain EDWARD L GLASGOW, from 42d to 49th Company.
Captain ADNA G. CLARKE, from \$th to 11th Company.

table was artistically adorned with quantities of pink roses and silver candelabra.

Mrs. Crawford received the guests

who will enter society this winter.

The ladies of All Souls' Church have arranged for their annual Christmas sale of useful and fancy articules, to be held in the small ballroom of the house guest, Mrs. F. C. Crosby. Miss Louise White has just returned to their house guest, Mrs. F. C. Crosby. Miss Louise White has just returned to their house guest, Mrs. F. C. Crosby. Miss Louise White has just returned to Washington from a visit in New York. In the heart annual Christmas sic, stately, and classic dances, will take place in the large ballroom well come to so colock, and will be followed by general dancing at 10 o'clock.

Miss C. A. Newton has charge of the tickets for the entertainment and opening of the sale on Wednesday. No admission to the sale will be charged on Thursday.

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Wearing a handsome tollette of mauve orchids. The debutante wore a dainty gown of white messaline hand embroidered and carried a cluster of illies of the valley of white messaline hand embroidered and carried a cluster of illies of the valley from 2d to 13th Company.

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Second Lieutenant ROBERT E.
GOOLRICK, from 118th to 57th Co

pany.
cond Lieutenant JOHN B. MAYNARD, from 168th to 109th Company. Massachusetts avenue, for the winter, Second Lleutenant SAMUEL H. TILGH-and, with his daughter, Miss Alice Lov-MAN, from 69th to 167th Company.

> JOHN J. THOMAS, to 6th Company. HERBERT H. ATCHESON, to 6th Company.
> WILLIS SHIPPAM, to 13th Company.

new feature at the settlement, and one in which Mrs. Barney is enthusiastically interested.

Yesterday afternoon she invited a number of ladles, who are also interest. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Newmyer, and exhibiting some samples of what has been done at the settlement.

A committee for the development of the industry was formed of a company including Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, Mrs. Fremont-Smith, Mrs. Samuel F. Emfollowed by a theater party last evening, having as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Stickney.

Club, of which Mrs. Bensinger is a member. Mrs. Louis Newmyer won the member. Mrs. Louis Newmyer won the member. Mrs. Louis Newmyer, and Mrs. Louis Newmyer, and Mrs. Louis Newmyer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bensinger, Mrs. Julia Luchs, and Mrs. Samuel Bensinger, Mrs. Julia Luchs, and Mrs. Samuel J. Steinberger, of the Tulaine, entertained at dinner followed by a theater party last evening, having as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Stickney.

A meeting at which women of Washington will have an opportunity to hear some of the speakers of the National Laymen's Missionary Conference will be some of the speakers of the National Laymen's Missionary Conference will be some of the speakers of the National Laymen's Missionary Conference will be some of the speakers of the National Laymen's Missionary Conference will be some of the speakers of the National Laymen's Missionary Conference will be from the first Company. The first Company and Mrs. Louis Newmyer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bensinger, Mrs. Julia Luchs, and Mrs. Samuel Bensinger is a member. Mrs. Louis Newmyer, and Mrs. Louis Newmyer, and Mrs. Louis Newmyer, and Mrs. Louis Newmyer, Mrs. Julia Luchs, and Mrs. Louis Newmyer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bensinger is a member. Mrs. Louis Newmyer, and Mrs. Louis Newmyer, Mrs. Laymen's Missionary Conference will be some of the speakers of the National Charch, The first Company and Charles I and Mrs. Louis Newmyer, Mrs. Laymen's Missionary Conference will be some of the speakers of the National Charch, The first Company and Mrs. HUGHEY S. HEMINGWAY, to 73d Company.
THOMAS J. CECIL, to 73d Company.
RALPH C. HARRISON, to 118th Com-

PRANCIS P. HARDAWAY, to Usth CLEMENT C. HETH, to listh Company.

JOHN W. WALLIS, to 166th Company.

FREDERIC A. PRICE, JR., to 166th result that he contracted an attack of rheumatism, which kept him in bed all the way home. He has lost all of his enthuslasm for Ireland, and declares that he wouldn't go back if his expenses were paid.

Company.

EDWARD P. NOYES, JR., to 166th Company.

WILLIAM D. FRAZER, to 168th Company.

GEORGE F. MOORE, to 168th Company.

Ethel Johnson, who was in The Red Mill" for three years, plays they part of a Swedish slavey in "The Old Cal., for treatment.

Naval Orders. Lieut. Comdr. J. B. PATTON, detached Virginia; to Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., assistant to inspector of machinery. Ensign R. S. McDONALD, detached Ohio, to New Orleans. Ensign R. E. GILLMOR, detached St. Louis, to New Orleans. Midshipman C. A. SCHIPFER, detach-ed Paducah, to Wisconsin.

Midshipman W. E. SHERLOCK, jr., detached Wisconsin, to Paducah.
Surgeon G. PICKRELL, to command Solace, when placed in service. Movements of Vessels.

ARRIVED.

Rocket at Norfolk; Thornton, Tingey, and Wilkes at Pensacola; Tacoma and Marietta at Guantanamo; Goldsborough at Magdalena Bay; and Wilmington at Shanghai.

SAILED.

Bailey from Norfolk for Charleston; Missouri from Boston for Narragansett Bay; and Dolphin from New York for Washington.

### Garnered Gossip Greenrooms From the

HE Duncan-Damrosch engagement at the New National in the near future promises to be as successful as their 

Montgomery and Stone, in "The Old Town," have danced from vaudeville and back several times, their success in Europe having been as great as in America.

Harry L. Tighe, coming to Chase's, is a graduate of Yale, and while there was captain of the football team. He is strapping big fellow and a member of many "frat" organizations.

A love story in the ro-mance of a Vermont abolimance of a Vermont abolitionist's daughter and a South Carolina cavalier, the leader of the Ku Klux Klan, gave "The Clansman" from the start an equal interest for Northern and Southern audiences. The scene of the romance is in the foothills of the Alleghenies, where the Klans rose up in 1867 to defend themselves from the outrages of carpet-bagger government. government.

the role of the elephant trainer in "The Circus Man," is a genuine "elephant man," and for eighteen years traveled with various big circuses in this capacity.

In learning of the list of Presidents from Washington

Charles Frohman's star by William Pinkerton, who took it from a notorious desperado in the West.

In Eugene W. Presbrey's comedy drama, "The Circus Man," which, with Maclyn

to be taken care of by somebody. Mr. Atchinson did it.
In this connection it is interesting to learn that the
overlocked President is the
great uncle of Edgar Atchinson-Ely, who is this week
playing the leading and title
role in "Billy" at the Belasco Theater. The brother of
David Pice Atchinson was
his grandfather.

says she likes the part as
well as any she has ever
played.

Glies Shine, who appears
as Patrick O'Brien with
Rose Stahl in "The Chorus
the standard of the control of the standard of

his grandfather. tefend themselves from the outrages of carpet-bagger covernment.

The revolver used in the of his birth. This summer, after "The Chorus Lady" had finished its run in Longuer Covernment.

Sparkes," by Hattie Will-don he accomplished this lams, was presented to desire and spent three weeks

Presidents from Washington to Taft, one name is always lumbia Theater, Miss Esther omitted. David Rice Atchin-son was at the head of the Government between the terms of Polk and Taylor.

Atchinson was President of the Senate and when Polks Atchinson was President of the Senate, and when Polk's term expired, March 4, 1849, play was first given in Chithe maximed, March 4, 1949, play was first given in Chlary Taylor did not like to
begin business on Sinday, so
there were twenty-four
hours for the Government
to be taken care of by somebody. Mr. Atchinson did it.
In this connection it is in-

needless to say, is the place

on the "ould sod," with the result that he contracted an

Theaters

Swedish slavey in 'The Old Tewn." --In the field of successful

dramatists who received their training in newspaper work is Cleaveland Moffet. whose new play, "For Better-For Worse," will be presented for its first engage-ment at the Belasco Thea-This drama deals with the divorce problem in a striking and novel way.

Henry B. Harris has postponed the production of "Bobby Burnit," a dramatization of George Randolph Chester's novel, "The Making of Bobby Burnit," until February. This is the play in which Wallace Eddinger will be featured.